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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States of America ex rel. Lahijani v. Delta Uniforms, Inc., et al.,  
19 Civ. 3290 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

This Office represents the United States (the “Government”) in the above referenced action filed under the *qui tam* provisions of the False Claims Act, as amended, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et seq.* (the “FCA”), in which the Government intervened. I write in accordance with the Court’s December 1, 2021 Order, *see* ECF No. 14, to advise the Court that a judgment has been entered in the criminal matter against Defendant George Ilouljian. *United States v. Ilouljian*, 21 Cr. 579 (PGG), Dkt No. 60 (Judgment in Criminal Case, entered April 13, 2022).<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the Government requests that the stay of the above captioned civil matter be lifted.

Pursuant to the proposed order previously submitted by the parties and memo endorsed by the Court, “Defendants shall file any answers or other responsive pleadings within 60 days of the Government’s letter . . . or such other date as may be set by the Court.” ECF No. 14 at 6.

**MEMO ENDORSED**

**The Application is granted.**

**SO ORDERED:**

**Paul G. Gardephe, U.S.D.J.**

Dated: May 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Court’s order, the Government was to advise the Court fourteen days after entry of the Judgment. However, due to a calendaring error, undersigned counsel was under the misimpression that this letter was due thirty days after entry of the criminal judgment. We sincerely apologize for this omission.

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